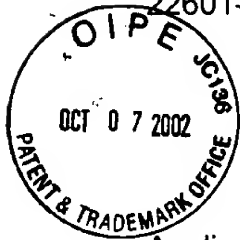


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In response to the Official Action mailed June 5, 2002, (paper No. 5) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below.